



PALISADES Bergen County

The face of the Palisades, which is partly located in Bergen County, was created millions of years ago when molten lava boiled through the cracks in the rocks. When the lava cooled the rocks settled into a long row of vertical columns as high as 500 feet.

Late in the 19th century, quarry crews began to strip away the cliff side to provide paving blocks for construction of New York streets.

This angered the women in New Jersey so much so that in 1896, the members of the State Federation of Women's Clubs protested in Trenton, and in 1900 the women were successful and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission was created to save the Palisades.